

I am very concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Public airways need to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airways, we see programming that helps the large companies. I believe that public airways need to be for the people and should be regulated so that the "fairness doctrine is reinstated. During the Reagan years it was done away with and now we have commercials for children's programs and extremely biased stations that pretend that opinion is news. Programming is geared toward what will make the most money and information that is critically needed for a democracy is limited or left out.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Broadcasting corporations need to show that they are working in the public's interest before their licenses are renewed. Thank you for you.